

## **FISCAL NOTE**

### **HB 3134 - SB 3288**

March 18, 2006

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Requires circuit court to award attorney fees not to exceed \$3,000 to the non-appealing party in a case appealed from general sessions court if the appealing party received a less favorable outcome in circuit court, unless the court finds such an award to be unreasonable under the circumstances.

#### **ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

##### **Increase Local Govt. Expenditures – Not Significant**

Assumption:

- The attorney fees are added to the judgment to be paid by the appealing party; therefore, no additional costs will be incurred by the local governments.

#### **CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James W. White". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" written in a smaller, more compact script than the last name "White".

James W. White, Executive Director